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Invention: METHOD AND UNIT FOR FORMING A TOBACCO BEAD

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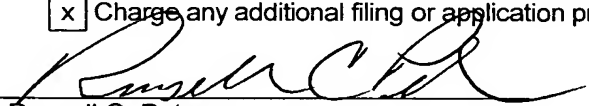
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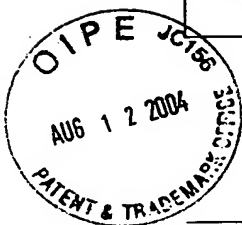
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**AMENDMENT "A"**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 06/28/2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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